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THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SYRIA.

A CIRCULAR has been issued under the auspices of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis relating to a proposal set forth by its president in his annual address, at Hartford, June 13, that an American School for Oriental Study and Research be established in Palestine. Its aim is to ascertain how far such a project is likely to receive the support of those most interested in the objects which such a school would endeavor to further.

The object of the school would be to afford graduates of American Theological Seminaries, and other similarly qualified persons, opportunity to prosecute biblical and linguistic investigations under more favorable conditions than can be secured at a distance from the Holy Land; to enable them to study the "Fifth Gospel;" to gather material for the illustration of the biblical narratives; to settle doubtful points in biblical topography; to identify historic localities; to explore, and, if possible, excavate sacred sites.

Its experimental establishment requires that a score or more of institutions, or individuals, interested in these objects should pledge themselves to contribute *not less than one hundred dollars annually for the term of five years*. Before the expiration of that period it is hoped that the school will succeed in vindicating its claim to liberal gifts from the friends of sacred learning. But even with the limited income indicated, it is believed, modest but adequate quarters can be secured for the residence of the director and his family, for the meetings of the members of the school, and the accommodation of its necessary books and collections.

The school will be kept wholly free from obligations or preferences as respects any religious denomination or literary institution. Its general administration will be entrusted to a board of twelve (?) managers, three (?) of whom will be displaced annually, and all of whom be elected annually by vote of the several institutions and individuals coöperating in the maintenance of the school. Such institutions and individuals shall also have the privilege of appointing annually a resident or literary director, in addition to such a head as may have—it is hoped—more permanent oversight of explorations in the field. Such annual or associate director shall have the general oversight of the school, and shall make a full report in writing of its work during his year of residence, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

Students will be required to pay no fees to the school, but must—at least until the school is endowed with scholarships—provide for their own necessary expenses, which are estimated at something like five hundred dollars a year. The school year will extend from October to June, and all regular

students will be expected to remain in connection with the institution during the whole of that period; and to embody the results of their study or researches in one or more theses, to be submitted to the director annually in charge, and, if approved by him, transmitted to the publishing committee of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis for publication in its journal.

It is believed that Beirout will commend itself as the most eligible place for the headquarters of the school; although undeniably the chief interest and attraction for the student and explorer lie in the Land of Promise.

But leaving details to be determined by those who coöperate in the enterprise, allow us, in expressing our approval of it, to request you to bring it to the attention of any institution or individual likely to engage in it, and to urge all willing to make the required pledge to send word to that effect *not later* than the first day of November next, in order that they may meet and appoint a board of managers at the time of the next meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in New York in December.

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